## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 3 Assignee ...... Micron Technology, Inc. 4 Examiner ..... A. Olsen Attorney's Docket No. ..... MI22-1172 5 Title: Polishing Systems, Methods of Polishing Substrates, and Methods of Preparing Liquids for Semiconductor Fabrication Processes 6 7 RESPONSE TO 09/27/2000 OFFICE ACTION 8 To: **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 9 Bernard Berman (Tel. 509-624-4276; Fax 509-838-3424) From: 10 Wells, St. John, Roberts, Gregory & Matkin P.S. 601 W. First Avenue, Suite 1300 11 Spokane, WA 99201-3828 12 Sir: 13 Responsive to the Office Action dated September 27, 2000, 14 applicant requests reconsideration of the above referenced application in 15 view of the amendments and remarks that follow [unless otherwise 16 indicated, deletions are bracketed, additions are underlined]: 17 18

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